UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, and GEORGE P. BUSH, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official capacity as President of the United States of America; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; AND ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security,

Defendants.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI; and THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official capacity as President of the United States of America; THE UNITED **STATES** OF AMERICA; ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS, in his official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security; UNITED DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND STATES SECURITY; TROY A. MILLER, in his official capacity as Acting Commissioner of the United States Customs and Border Protection; and UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 7:21-cv-00272 [Lead Case]

Civil Action No. 7:21-cv-00420 [Consolidated Case]

STATE OF TEXAS'S NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Plaintiff, the State of Texas, files this Notice of Appearance of Zachary L. Rhines as counsel in the above-captioned case, along with counsel listed below.

Mr. Rhines is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Plaintiff requests that Mr. Rhines be served with all future correspondence and pleadings.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 23, 2025, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was filed and served electronically via CM/ECF, which automatically serves all counsel of record.

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